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24 October 1958

Dear General Crittenberger:

On June 23, 1958, I was informed by an emmisary acting on behalf of yourself and Bernard Yarrow of my dismissal, as of June 30, 1958, from Free Europe Committee, Inc. Although the deception surrounding this decision was both unnecessary and unworthy, I have never protested the fact of that dismissal, since it is clearly your right to choose your collaborators in Free Europe Committee, Inc.

However, the manner in which this dismissal was carried out was such as to create a public impression damaging to my professional reputation.

I note that prior to my dismissal a report concerning me was written under your authority, which report was libelous.

Following my dismissal, explanations of that dismissal were given by a responsible official of your organization, which explanations were slanderous.

The foregoing have been injurious to both my professional and personal reputation.

I have so far taken no action on these matters out of regard for the Committee's purposes, and in the expectation that steps would be taken to correct the situation. However, defamation of my character, demage to my professional reputation, and slander of my person, at the hands of the Committee or its agents, are not necessary to the achievement of the Committee's purposes. In addition, no steps have been taken by your organization to correct this situation.

On the contrary, a further explanation of my dismissal has now gained currency on the basis of statements made by

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President, Free Europe Committee, Inc.
2 Park Avenue
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officials of your organization. This explanation, alleging my personal involvement in financial irregularities, impugns my personal integrity, does grave damage to my professional and personal reputation, and is slanderous.

I suggest that in view of the foregoing, you designate, within 15 days of receipt of this letter, your representative in Paris to meet with me with a view to arriving at a settlement of these questions.

My only alternative to the foregoing suggested procedure is to consider the legal action necessary to obtain redress in the French, American, and German courts.

Very truly yours,

James G. McCargar



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